

PROCLAMATION

"2022 CLICK IT OR TICKET MOBILIZATION"

- WHEREAS, the safety and security of the citizens of American Samoa and surrounding areas are vitally important; and
- **WHEREAS**, a large percentage of our citizens regularly drive or ride in motor vehicles on our roadways; and
- WHEREAS, one in five motorists (or 19 percent nationally) still fail to regularly wear their seat belts while driving or riding in a motor vehicle; and
- WHEREAS, regular seat belt use is the single most effective way to protect people and to reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes;
- AND WHEREAS, the use of seat belts is supported by the laws of American Samoa;
- **AND WHEREAS,** May 16th, 2022 through June 16th, 2022 has been named the national "Click It or Ticket" law enforcement mobilization period;
- **AND WHEREAS,** across the country law enforcement officers will actively be participating in the mobilization to ensure all motor vehicle occupants are buckled up day and night, and to reduce the risk of injury and death caused in traffic crashes;
- **AND WHEREAS,** increased enforcement of seat belt laws, coupled with publicity has proven to be an effective method to increase seat belt use rates and decrease fatal crashes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **LEMANU P. S. MAUGA,** Governor of the Territory of American Samoa, do hereby proclaim May 16th – June 16th, 2022 as the "Click It or Ticket Mobilization Month" in American Samoa and urge all citizens to always wear seat belts when driving or riding on our roadways.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature and the Seal of my office on this 12th day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-two.

LEMANUP. S. MAUGA

Governor